

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q95395

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Group Art Unit: 4131

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Examiner: Sriram KASTURI

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For: ALLERGEN SUPPRESSOR, ALLERGEN-SUPPRESSION PROCESSED FIBER AND  
METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action dated February 12, 2008, Applicants elects a hydrophilic polymer having an ether bond. That is, considering that claim 3 defines "conditions (1) and/or (2)", and further considering electing from condition (1) in the case of "or", Applicant has elected from (1) the species the hydrophilic polymer has an ether bond".

The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1 to 20.

The Examiner is accordingly requested to proceed with examination in accordance with the species elected, and upon a determination of the patentability thereof, to properly expand the scope of the search.

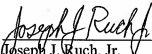
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